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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" Sir, in answer to clause (*h*), it is said that it has been a recognized method since 1896. Am I to understand, Sir, that it was given effect to all these years or only recently adopted?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The Commissioner has been given discretion to adopt this method whenever local conditions require it.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" Had it been so adopted before last year?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I think so, though I have no specific information."

Diversion of toddy tapped for one shop to another.

* 672 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the toddy tapped from trees marked for a particular shop can be taken to other shops for sale and if so, under what authority;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the group shop contractor at Salem has been permitted to take the toddy tapped from trees marked for certain shops in the group to Bangalore;

(*c*) if so, whether a copy of the permission and licence granted in the matter will be placed on the table;

(*d*) whether such a permission is usually given or whether this is a novel procedure; and

(*e*) if novel, what the special reasons are for this deviation?

A.—A report has been called for.

Mixing of toddy for shops under the grouping system.

* 673 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the toddy tapped from trees marked for a particular shop can be mixed up with toddy from trees specifically marked for other shops, and then a general distribution made to various shops as demands arise day by day;

(*b*) whether this method can be adopted ordinarily or whether any special permission is required for doing so; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that such a practice is followed at the group shops at Salem and permission has been granted therefor?

A.—A report has been called for.

Excise duty on homœopathic medicines imported from Bengal.

* 674 *Q.*—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any excise duty is being levied on import of homœopathic medicines from Bengal into our Presidency;